

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
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March 7, 1969

The University Senate

The University Senate will meet on Friday, March 14, 1969, at 2:10 p.m., in the Faculty Conference Room on the sixth floor of the Library.

- Agenda: 1) Call to order.
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting.
- 3) Announcements by the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- 4) Election of nominating committee for 1969-70 Executive Committee. The following slate has been nominated by the Executive Committee:

Dr. Thomas M. Brown, Sch. of Medicine
Professor Robert E. Cronin, SEAS
Professor Alton H. Desmond, GSAS
Professor Hugh L. LeBlanc, SPIA
Professor Howard M. Merriman, Col. Col.
Professor Robert Park, Nat. Law Center
Professor Carol R. St. Cyr, Sch. of Educ.
Professor Karl E. Stromsem, SGBA
Professor Robert C. Willson, Col. Col.

- 5) Confirmation of nominees of the Student Assembly for membership on Senate's Athletics and Student Relationships Committee.
- 6) Report on Faculty Club: Professor David Weaver.
- 7) A PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (69/4). Committee on Physical Facilities.
- 8) A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC JOURNAL (69/5). Educational Policy Committee.


Frederick R. Houser
Secretary

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NOTE: Immediately preceding the meeting a social period will be held from 1:30 to 2:10 p.m., for Senate members and members of the Student Assembly.

Members of the Faculty Assembly who are not members of the University Senate are welcome to attend.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY SENATE 2/14/69

The University Senate met at 2:15 p.m., Friday, February 14, 1969, in the Faculty Conference Room of the sixth floor of the Library. President Elliott presided.

Professor Stromsem introduced Professor John Rizzo who was recently elected by the School of Government and Business Administration to serve as a member pro tempore for Professor Harry R. Page, who will be on sabbatical leave during the spring semester.

President Elliott welcomed Professor Peter P. Hill, who had returned from leave taken during the fall semester.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as distributed.

Professor Robert G. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on University and Urban Affairs, introduced a RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CONTINUANCE OF THE TUITION REMISSION POLICY FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1969-70 (69/2), and moved its adoption, with an amendment to add the word "qualified" in the fourth line of the first paragraph of the body of the resolution. Professor Stevens seconded the motion.

Professor Wood requested a progress report on the success or failure of those students who attended under the Tuition Remission Program during the fall semester.

Professor Jones reported, that based on the twenty students in Columbian College, three-fourths of the students received mid-term warnings; four were suspended; one withdrew; ten were placed on probation; and five remained in good standing. The suspended students, he added, may enroll under a skills program at Federal City College if they wish. Professor Jones stated that social adjustments by the students were made more difficult **because** the Black Students Union did not follow through on the "buddy system." He felt that more work should be done on liaison between white professors and black students to bridge the gap in vocabulary and style, and the use of responsible black graduate students would be the first step to "beef up" the program.

Professor Jones pointed out that if the Resolution were approved at today's meeting recruiting could begin earlier with the hope of getting better qualified students next year. Last year's recruiting was started after July 11, and many of the best students had already been committed to other schools.

In response to Professor Wood's question of whether the program was limited to black students, Professor Jones replied that it was his understanding that the intention was to support a program to recruit inner-city negro students.

Professor Stromsem's question of to what extent students had commented on the program elicited a reply by Professor Jones that black students generally had supported the program, but that the reaction of the leaders of the Black Students was that the number should be doubled.

Further discussion followed concerning the number of students that might be absorbed into the various schools under this program, and Professor

Jones called attention to the mimeographed page headed "Remarks on a suggestion for the formation of a special scholarship fund for Black Students" which he had placed before each member of the Senate.

The question was called and the motion on Resolution 69/2 was passed. A copy of the amended Resolution is appended.

As provided by item 4 of the Agenda, Professor Wood explained that the reason A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STUDENT ELECTIONS (69/1), was acted upon by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Senate and was circulated to all members of the faculty on February 4, 1969, was because student elections would be held before today's meeting, at which time the Senate would act upon the Resolution. No further action was considered necessary.

Professor Wood announced that Professor Morgan, who had served pro tempore on the Senate during Professor Hill's leave in the fall semester, had asked to be relieved of his duties as chairman of the Committee on University Objectives also. As this action had not been placed on the Agenda, and in order that Professor Hill's name could be placed in nomination as chairman of that Committee at today's meeting, Dr. Alpert moved, seconded by Professor Brewer, to suspend the rules to allow this action. This motion, and the subsequent election of Professor Hill, was passed unanimously.

As provided by item 5 of the Agenda, Professor Wood submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING FACULTY MEMBERSHIP ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CONSORTIUM (69/3) and moved its adoption, seconded by Professor Desmond. The question was called and the motion was passed unanimously.

Professor Wood nominated Dean Paul R. Sherburne as an additional member of the Sub-Committee on Registration, seconded by Professor Hill, and Dean Sherburne was elected unanimously.

During the period provided for statements by members of the Senate and by visitors - item 7 of the Agenda - Professor Hill, in speaking of his election to the chairmanship of the Committee on University Objectives, observed that since the committee had been relatively inactive since 1965, some consideration might be given to the dissolution of the committee.

Replying to Professor Hill's remarks, President Elliott said that to the contrary he felt the University Objectives Committee was one of the most critical in the University today, and that he strongly suspected that one of the most important problems facing GW today is "coming to grips with this University's objectives." He considered it of importance to determine where priorities will be set, and whether certain activities will become part or all of the University program. The President said further that one of the University's greatest shortcomings is its inability to say what role the university is to play, and to say, either implicitly or explicitly, what it can or cannot be and then stick to it. He described colleges and universities as "their own worst enemies" in allowing others to come to the conclusion that they should be all things good to all people.

Vice President Bright commented that the objectives were written in terms of vague generalities when he was chairman of the first University

Objectives Committee. However, he believed that objectives should be operational and that they should be stated in ways they could be met.

Professor Hill observed that while the Committee had been prolific in submitting reports, very few resolutions had come out of it, and that there should be ways of implementing objectives as well as to propose them.

On the basis of what was happening in the Educational Policy Committee, Professor Zuchelli termed the administration's policy of a completely committed budget "a mistake," and stated that educational objectives cannot be achieved as long as uncommitted funds are "non-existent." President Elliott replied that he believed the faculty to be in the best position to judge whether or not the budgeted funds are buying the kind of education the faculty wants for the period. His efforts as an administrative officer, he said, would be directed to obtaining the resources to be placed at the disposal of those who would put the programs into effect.

After further comments Professor Zuchelli stated that if the Committee on University Objectives is to have potential the University will have to provide the funds to implement general educational programs.

Professor Wood stated that the Executive Committee would assign this matter to the Educational Policy Committee, for recommendations to the Senate.

In answer to Dr. Alpert's question of whether he would care to comment on student unrest on campuses, President Elliott replied that he viewed the situation as critical. He said it was "unbelievable" the dimensions to which the crisis in California had grown, and he expressed shock and concern about the actual survival of the American Higher Educational system as it is now known.

Professor Stevens called attention to the memorandum from Vice President Bright to the deans concerning guidelines to be followed in the event of disruption of classes, and he requested clarification of how these guidelines were reached. Dr. Bright pointed out that it was not the intent of the memorandum to force anyone to take any course of action. He said that his office had received requests from the faculty as to what action to take if students or anyone outside of the university moved into the classroom. This memorandum would serve only as a guideline. Further discussion by Professors Zuchelli, Pock, Sharpe, and Stevens followed concerning the purpose and implementation of the statement which was to be read or stated to those who were disrupting a classroom. It was pointed out that the fact of having read a set of specified words would be much better testimony in court than the recollection of roughly what one had said. Professor Stevens suggested that the statement be printed on a card to facilitate its presentation on the necessary occasion. Dean Cole questioned whether the same statement would be applicable for the libraries and for the Registrar's office as well as for classrooms.

Professor Perros asked what action, if any, students who were not pro-disruption would be allowed to take. Professor Brewer suggested that the matter was of sufficient importance and sufficiently serious to be referred to the proper Senate committee for action.

Professor George questioned whether the same rule would apply to

off-campus situations.

President Elliott pointed out that these guidelines were in effect in Berkeley at the present time, and that a great many of the faculty carry the statement in the back of their notebooks, or carry the card. This action, he said, had been recommended by the University's legal counsel.

When the Chair recognized Professor Wood Gray who appeared to have raised his hand, Professor Gray declined to take the floor with the comment, "No, thank you, Mr. President, I was just scratching my neck."

Professor Jones requested the reaction of the members of the Senate to the suggestion for the formation of a special scholarship fund for Black Students, which he had circulated earlier in the meeting, and he invited the members of the faculty to call him personally concerning this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Frederick R. Houser
Secretary

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CONTINUANCE
OF THE TUITION REMISSION POLICY FOR
THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1969-70 (69/2)

Whereas one of the continuing commitments of the University must be to the general educational life of its community, and

Whereas the presence of inner-city students at the University brings enrichment not only to their lives but to the experience of all segments of the University,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate of the George Washington University:

That the University continue for the academic year 1969-70 the tuition-remission policy whereby each school and college may waive tuition for the number of qualified D. C. students it can absorb within the limits of its budget, and

That the Senate Committee on University and Urban Affairs be authorized to consult with any school and college on the implementation of a program of tuition-remission.

Senate Committee on University
and Urban Affairs
2/14/69

Passed by the Senate 2/14/69

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING FACULTY
MEMBERSHIP ON THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CONSORTIUM (69/3)

Whereas the University Senate of the American University has passed and brought to the attention of the University Senate of the George Washington University a resolution recommending that faculty members be added to the governing board of the Consortium of Universities,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the University Senate of the George Washington University that:

The University Senate of the George Washington University is in accord with the cited resolution of the University Senate of the American University and recommends that a faculty member from each of the five faculties be added to the governing board of the Consortium of Universities; that these members be designated by the faculties of the several universities and that the text of this resolution be communicated to the other four faculties of the Consortium Universities and to the Board of Trustees of the Consortium of Universities.

The Executive Committee
2/14/69

Passed